

**NOTIFICATION TO COUNTY MAYOR OF COMMITTEE MEETING BY MEMBERS OF MAURY COUNTY COMMISSION**

The Special Called Budget Committee met on Wednesday, May 6, 2015 at approximately 4:30 PM in the Maury County Tom Primm County Commission Room with the following Committee Members present:

CRAIG HARRIS, SONNY SHACKELFORD, SUE STEPHENSON, STEWART PARKER  
DONNA COOK AND SCOTT SUMNERS

OTHERS PRESENT: Gerald Adkison, Ronnie Attkisson, Talvin Barner, Davis Burkhalter, Gwynne Evans, Don Morrow, Eric Previti, William (Tot) Roddy, Ricky Sims, Gary Stovall, Debbie Turner, Theresa Weber, Linda Whiteside, and Media.

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**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Harris called the meeting to order.

**II. OPENING PRAYER:**

Commissioner Shackelford gave the opening prayer.

**III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA:**

Chairman Harris asked Commissioner Sumners to fill the vacant seat of Commissioner Kuzawinski.

Commissioner Shackelford made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Cook. There were no lights. All in favor. Motion Approved.

**IV. NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS:**

**The Maury County Senior Citizens:**

Director Weber stated last year they received \$31,500.00. They requested \$31,500.00 for this year and \$31,500.00 is under advisement. Brenda Grimsley represented the Maury County Senior Citizens. Commissioner Cook asked Ms. Grimsley what the Senior Citizens receives annually. Ms. Grimsley stated the Senior Citizens receive grants and that amount is about \$31,000.00 which is only about 23% covering things for the Senior Citizens center. Commissioner Cook asked about the operating budget. Ms. Grimsley stated their operating budget was \$140,000.00 but they operate off of about \$117,000.00. Chairman Harris asked Ms. Grimsley if they receive money from any other municipalities. Ms. Grimsley stated they get donations from different churches and they also get government grants and they get money from the City of Columbia which is \$37,000.00. Ms. Grimsley stated the Senior Citizens do a lot of fund raisers. Commissioner Turner asked if Meals on Wheels was funded through the Maury County Senior Citizens. Ms. Grimsley stated that Meals on Wheels is a separate entity and they are through the South Central Human Resource Agency. Commissioner Turner asked about the Senior Olympics. Commissioner Turner asked is it out of Lawrence County and do the seniors that participate pay a fee. Commissioner Previti asked if the workers

were volunteers or where they on salary. Ms. Grimsley stated she is the director and Vernon Brooks is the Chairman of the Board and he is a volunteer and Ms. Grimsley stated she is employed by the Senior Citizen Center. Commissioner Barner asked what the daily attendance was. Ms. Grimsley stated it was around 60 to 75 people a day. Commissioner Stephenson asked in addition to herself how many other staff are there. Ms. Grimsley stated there are 3 other staff members. She stated the Senior Citizens has an Activity Coordinator, a data entry person and there is an individual that does activities in Mt. Pleasant. Ms. Grimsley stated 1 employee is full time and there are 2 part time. The Activity Coordinator is full time along with Ms. Grimsley and the data entry is part time and the employee in Mt. Pleasant is part time. Commissioner Burkhalter asked if they have membership or dues. Ms. Grimsley stated they do not charge a membership fee but they do encourage everyone to subscribe to the newsletter which is \$5.00 per year.

**KIDS PLACE:** Rob Moore represented the Kids Place and he is the board member that represents Maury County. Jaime Staggs is a therapist at Kids Place and Shelby Maclurken is a family advocate. Ms. Staggs stated at Kids Place they are a child advocacy center and they work specifically with children who have been physically or sexually abused from a non-offending family. They are located here in Maury County and 40% of their clients are out of Maury County. They also have a food and hygiene pantry and all of their services are free of charge to the family. Ms. Maclurken stated their numbers for forensic interviewing was 84 individuals from Maury County and those were done at the Maury Hills sight and in the Lawrenceburg sight. They did 425 therapy sessions at the Maury Hills sight. There were 340 advocate sessions done in Maury Hills and training was done in Maury Hills. Commissioner Cook asked what their operating budget was. Ms. Staggs stated Kid's Place operating budget is approximately \$254,000.00. Commissioner Cook asked what the Kid's Place revenue was. Ms. Staggs stated they receive state funding and grants from DCS, VOCA from United Way of Maury County and they do have private donations and they have received money from Blair Potter Foundation. They also do fund raising. Commissioner Cook asked what their total revenue was. Mr. Moore stated at the last filing it was \$259,463.00. Commissioner Cook asked how many counties they serve. Ms. Staggs replied they serve 4 counties. Ms. Staggs stated they serve Lawrence, Giles, Wayne and Maury County. Commissioner Sumners asked if they get any donations from Lawrence, Wayne or Giles. Ms. Staggs stated they have requested funding from Giles County and from Lawrence County. Commissioner Stephenson asked who makes the referrals to the Kids Place. Ms. Staggs stated it is law enforcement or DCS. Commissioner Stephenson asked if they are incorporated as a 501C3. Ms. Staggs replied yes. Commissioner Stephenson asked how they differed from the Family Center. Ms. Staggs stated their center is a Trauma Center. Kids Place does the initial interview, the forensic interviewing and they meet with the non-offending care giver and then from that point depending on whether there was a disclosure of abuse or neglect then they would meet the qualifications for therapy within their program. Commissioner Stephenson asked how many members served on their board. Mr. Moore stated there are 9. Commissioner Shackelford asked if they received state or federal grants. Ms. Staggs stated they receive state money through DCS and

VOCA. Commissioner Shackelford asked what their largest grant is. Ms. Staggs stated she believes the largest grant is VOCA and Commissioner Shackelford asked how much was that grant. Ms. Staggs stated it was \$45,000.00. Ms. Staggs stated it is a three year grant so every three years they have to renew it. Commissioner Shackelford asked what it pays for. Ms. Staggs stated it pays for the therapy program. It funds one therapist salary. It also funds therapy supplies, and travel, education and trainings. Commissioner Shackelford stated since they are a function of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District are they getting anything from a judicial grant. Ms. Staggs stated they do not specifically have a judicial grant. They do get money from the litigation tax from Lawrence County. Commissioner Turner asked if there have been any money from previous years from the other counties. Ms. Staggs stated prior it was Lawrence County and it was \$10,000.00. Giles has not provided any money but Ms. Staggs stated this is the first year that money has been requested from Giles or Maury. Commissioner Barner asked how long they have been providing services to Maury County. Ms. Staggs stated for forensic interviewing that has been since the beginning but as far as the therapy sessions that has been about 3 years. Commissioner Previti asked has there been a shortfall since they are coming to the commission to request money. Ms. Staggs stated they are trying to expand their operations. Commissioner Stephenson asked how many staff they had. Ms. Staggs stated they have 2 therapist and 1 family advocate and 1 forensic interviewer and 1 executive director. They also periodically have clinical interns from the schools they partner with. There were no lights. Chairman Harris stated currently under advisement the amount is \$0.00 and to change that he would entertain any motions. Commissioner Parker made a motion to take \$1,000.00 under advisement. Motion fails for lack of second. Commissioner Sumners made a motion to give \$2,500.00 under advisement. Seconded by Commissioner Parker. There were no lights. Chairman Harris called for the vote. Commissioner Parker aye, Commissioner Sumners aye, Commissioner Shackelford no, Commissioner Cook no, Commissioner Stephenson no. Chairman Harris aye. The motion fails 3-3 vote. Chairman Harris stated the committee is taking \$0.00 under advisement.

**SPRING HILL SENIOR CITIZENS:** Director Weber stated last year they received \$3,000.00 and this year they are asking for \$3,000.00. They are under advisement for \$3,000.00. Ms. Pickard is the Vice- President of the Spring Hill Senior Citizens. She made the Spring Hill Senior Citizens presentation. Ms. Pickard stated there is no paid staff and they charge dues. Chairman Harris asked how many members they have. Ms. Pickard stated they have close to 200 members. Ms. Pickard stated their dues has risen and Spring Hill had cut their donation. Commissioner Roddy asked why there were two different Senior Citizen Groups in Maury County. Ms. Pickard stated that it is a community based convenience. Chairman Harris asked if it is an actual 501C3. Ms. Pickard replied yes. Commissioner Whiteside asked how much is their dues. Ms. Pickard replied the dues are \$25.00 per year. Commissioner Whiteside asked if they charged for meals. Ms. Pickard stated the potluck meals are free but when they have a meal catered they may be subsidized a little but they try to keep the meals around \$7.50. Commissioner Stephenson asked Ms. Pickard what their operating budget would be.

Ms. Pickard stated she did not have those figures. There were no lights. The Spring Hill Senior Citizens are under advisement for \$3,000.00.

**SPRING HILL LIBRARY:** Director Weber stated last year the Spring Hill Library was given \$30,000.00 and this year they are asking for \$62,119.00. Director Weber stated it was put under advisement for \$30,000.00. The teen coordinator is Misty Bach at the Spring Hill Public Library. Ms. Bach stated they needed money for programs and funding to be there for the community and to be able to develop their collections. Ms. Bach stated they did ask for an increase from previous years and any support would be appreciated. Chairman Harris asked Ms. Bach if the request from last year was for a \$60,000.00 amount or is this something new and if it is new what the additional monies is for. Ms. Bach stated she was not sure. Commissioner Cook asked what their operating budget was and what their revenues were. Ms. Bach stated she was sorry she was not prepared and she had only been employed with the Spring Hill Library for 5 weeks. Commissioner Sumners asked Ms. Bach if the Spring Hill library was not able to give the Spring Hill Library the funding the library needs to fund the full library program. Ms. Bach replied no. Commissioner Sumners asked Ms. Bach if she knew how much money Williamson County gave the Spring Hill Library. Ms. Bach stated she did not know. Commissioner Sumners stated the director is leaving his position. Commissioner Stephenson asked Ms. Bach how long the director was at the Spring Hill Library. Ms. Bach replied he was there a little over three years. Commissioner Stephenson asked Ms. Bach if she knew anything about the new building. Ms. Bach stated there has been an assessment for the new building. There were no lights. The Spring Hill Library is under advisement for \$30,000.00.

**COLUMBIA MAIN STREET:** There was no one present. Director Weber stated there are under advisement for \$0.00. There wasn't anyone at the previous meeting.

**NEIGHBORS CONCERNED (FOOD PANTRY):** Director Weber stated they received nothing last year and they are requesting \$1,500.00 and they are under advisement for \$0.00. Mr. Tony Mills represented the Neighbors Concerned (Food Pantry). Mr. Mills stated he is also the Vice President of The United Way of Maury County and the Chairman of the Board of Harvest Share. Mr. Mills stated they have been in business in providing a food pantry for Maury County since 1981. Neighbors Concerned is the only full food pantry in Maury County. They serve people that have food stamps as well as non-food stamp recipient. They average about 3,000 people per month. A person that comes to Neighbors Concerned can be served once every three months and it is tracked. There is a 12 person board of directors and Mr. Mills is the Chairman of the Board. Commissioner Parker asked Mr. Mills what makes this food pantry different from other food pantries. Mr. Mills stated that is all they do is the food pantry and they do not provide any other services. They specialize in making sure to feed the need. Mr. Mills stated they provide for everyone in need whether on food stamps or not. Commissioner Cook asked if there was any drug testing done to any of their clients that come in. Mr. Mills stated the majority of his clients are referrals from DHS. Commissioner Cook asked Mr. Mills what was his operating budget. Mr. Mills

replied his budget is around \$40,000.00 a year. Commissioner Cook asked Mr. Mills what was his total revenue that he brought in. Mr. Mills replied that last year they brought in about \$45,000.00. Commissioner Stephenson asked how many are on his board. Mr. Mills replied 12. Mr. Mills stated Neighbors Concerned has been in discussions with The Family Center about trying to combine the food pantries into one food pantry. They are scheduled to get back together with the Family Center and have more discussion about this. There were no lights. Commissioner Stephenson made a motion to give the Neighbors Concerned (Food Pantry) \$1,500.00 allocation under advisement. Seconded by Commissioner Shackelford. There were no lights. All in favor. Motion Approved.

**Crime Stoppers:** There was no one present.

**KEEP MAURY BEAUTIFUL:** Ms. McKee stated previously Keep Maury Beautiful received \$6,000.00 from the \$13,600 litter grant and they are asking for the full amount of \$13,600.00. Commissioner Whiteside asked if they get the extra money what will they be using it for. Ms. McKee stated they are going to target the middle and high school children and media for the public. Commissioner Whiteside asked if the extra money would be for a salary increase. Ms. McKee stated if they are going to have their director going to the middle and high school she will not do this for free. Ms. McKee stated they have a retired teacher now that goes into the schools and the director gets the packets ready for the retired teacher. Commissioner Sumners asked does Maury County apply for the grant and then is the money given to Keep Maury Beautiful. Ms. McKee replied yes. Ms. McKee stated when they have the Great American Clean Up they encourage any individual or group or organizations they can come and get the supplies from them at any time and they work with the school system and that is part of their community service for their scholarship program. Chairman Harris asked would Keep Maury Beautiful be working under the Tennessee Promise. Ms. McKee stated that could get their 8 hours community service. Commissioner Burkhalter stated last year Keep Maury Beautiful received \$6,000.00 from the litter grant and this year they are requesting the \$6,000.00 plus \$7,600.00. Commissioner Burkhalter stated if the litter grant was for \$54,400.00 will all of the \$13,600.00 come from that litter grant. Chairman Harris stated in the past the \$6,000.00 has come from the \$54,000.00 and Ms. McKee has asked for a total of \$13,600.00 to come out of that allocation. Chairman Harris asked Director Weber if the \$6,000.00 or the \$13,600.00 Mr. Sweeney's department takes the grant and then he allocates out. Director Weber stated it is the Mayor's grant and he has chosen to give the non-profit the \$6,000.00 out of the full grant amount. Director Weber stated if Keep Maury Beautiful is given the additional \$7,600.00 and the Mayor only chooses to give the \$6,000.00 out of the grant monies then the Commission will have to fund the \$7,600.00 out of the 101 fund. Mr. Sweeney stated nowhere in the grant does it say it has to be given to Keep Maury Beautiful. Mr. Sweeney stated the grant states it is for education. Mr. Sweeney stated that Keep Maury Beautiful is a non-profit and the litter grant is a grant given to Maury County. Mr. Sweeney stated once the Mayor signs for the grant it because property of Maury County as his discretion. Mr. Sweeney stated Ms. McKee is asking for more money and there are two funding sources, she can go to

the Mayor and ask the Mayor for money or she can come before the commission and ask for money as a 501C3 non-profit. Ms. McKee stated she is asking for the money to come out of the grant. Chairman Harris stated this request is not to take the money out of the 101. Chairman Harris stated this is not a request for Maury County to fund this. Commissioner Summers stated he understood there is a negotiation between the Mayor and Keep Maury Beautiful but there is a line item in the 207 account for contributions and it says \$6,000.00. Director Weber stated in that line item whenever anyone in the County gives any money to a non-profit Director Weber has to post it to a 316 cost code. Director Weber stated it is an accounting function and an audit reason. Mayor Norman stated he met with Ms. McKee and there was some miscommunication about this and the Mayor committed to her that they would work through this and the Mayor stated he would make sure they got the supplies and they will work towards the same goals as Maury County and Keep Maury Beautiful and they will handle it between themselves. Commissioner Cook made a motion to remove Keep Maury Beautiful litter grants request if Mayor Norman has agreed to fund this. Mr. Sweeney stated this grant is to pick up litter. Mr. Sweeney stated the \$13,600.00 does go for education. Mr. Sweeney stated they buy items and give them away and that's what TDOT says is okay to do. Commissioner Shackelford stated anything that Keep Maury Beautiful is invaluable and they also do a river clean up. Commissioner Shackelford stated he would encourage the Mayor to work with this organization solving the big need which is making this county more beautiful. Commissioner Turner stated after this budget gets through she would like to hear from TDOT and let them give a presentation and get some information on this litter grant. There were no lights. Chairman Harris stated he does have the dollar amounts are under advisement and they are not conclusive they could be \$0.00 of this amount or more. Chairman Harris stated he does encourage Keep Maury Beautiful to continue to work with Mayor Norman.

Commissioner Turner has some information that she would like to share with the committee in light of something that happened with The Tennessee Vocational Rehabilitation Training Center. Commissioner Turner has the state statute and Commissioner Turner would like the committee to reconsider \$39,600 they are asking for because she has the state statute and Commissioner Turner stated she asked both of those ladies at the meeting if they had applied for United Way Funding and the two ladies replied yes Commissioner Turner stated they said they do not ask for United Way Funding that United Way just gives it to them. Commissioner Turner stated that information is false and Mr. Mills that was present earlier showed Commissioner Turner and Commissioner Stephenson where the Rehabilitation Center was at United Way this week and were asking for money and there was problems with their financials and United Way is cutting their funding. Commissioner Turner stated she would like to see this committee reconsider that amount that goes to them because they were not truthful. Commissioner Stephenson stated what Commissioner Turner stated is correct and they cannot directly solicit funding from anyone other than local government meaning city and county and they get a federal match for that. Commissioner Stephenson stated they can talk to the United Way but they cannot solicit money from them. Chairman Harris stated the most concerning thing to him is that the Rehabilitation Center is having

financial problems. Chairman Harris stated the committee will take in to consideration what was brought to the committee. Chairman Harris stated it needs to be looked in to further.

**B. Capital Expenditures:** Director Weber stated these are requests the Department heads have asked for. Chairman Harris stated the total request for 2015/2016 is a total capital request of \$7,865,007.00. Chairman Harris stated last year \$989,000.00 was allocated last year toward capital expenditures. Chairman Harris stated the County currently has \$300,000.00 in the fund for capital expenditures unrestricted fund. Chairman Harris stated in addition to these requests the school board is asking not to take \$2,600,000.00 in capital expenditures out of their funds. Commissioner Sumners asked if there was \$300,000.00 in unrestricted funds. Director Weber stated this would be after they pay off the school buses. Chairman Harris asked how many pennies were allocated to that fund. Commissioner Sumners stated he believed 5.5 pennies. Director Weber stated when you look at the 189 fund this is without any changes between the property tax and estimated revenue of \$981,880.00. Chairman Harris started with the school buses. Chairman Harris stated this is a large dollar amount. Chairman Harris stated the County has been funding the school buses from the County since the early years of 2000. Commissioner Shackelford stated he had noticed there has been a reduction in special needs children and Commissioner Shackelford stated they are asking for 4 special needs buses. Chairman Harris stated the schools are asking for four 90 passenger buses and 4 special needs buses for a total of \$781,464.00. Commissioner Shackelford stated he would like to know if the special needs children number has changed. Mr. Bolton stated the buses will not enter the fleet until April, 2016. Commissioner Shackelford would like some clarification from the board about the 200 number on special needs children. Commissioner Sims wondered if the state or the federal government has changed the standards that eliminated a lot of children in our schools that used to be classified special needs or they have raised. It. Chairman Harris asked Director Weber to get an answer to that question and to call Mr. Morrison. Commissioner Sumners stated the schools would be at the Administration meeting on Thursday and they can be asked then. Commissioner Burkhalter asked why they can't buy their buses because they have a \$7,000,000.00 fund balance. Chairman Harris stated if they put that in their budget then the county is raising the Maintenance of Effort. Commissioner Previti stated he is looking at The Tennessee General Assembly web-site and State Bill 1966 in 2014 says it is enacted that it extends the allowable number of years for a school bus in service to be 18 years. Commissioner Previti stated he wanted to research this some more but it looks like buses may be able to be used for 18 and 15 years instead of the 15 and 12 years. Central Maintenance Director Benny Bolton stated the buses have to have less than 200,000 documented miles. There were no lights. Director Weber moved on to the \$200,000.00 for the new park development Director Weber is thinking possibly since the 125 Adequate Facilities fund and the commission only has the \$400,000.00 for the Fire Hall that possibly it can come out of the Adequate Facilities. Park Director Al Ray stated the Park has received Adequate Facilities in the past. Park Director Al Ray stated that something that came up last month was the hotel, motel tax and that was for four purposes for that which were tourism, recreation,

beautification and industrial development. Chairman Harris stated he is not striking it from a request but he is lowering the priority because there are other sources that can fund it. Director Weber stated she wanted to make a correction on the paperwork under the Solid Waste Director Weber stated the loader and possibly a convenience center upgrade and Director Weber stated the committee had already approved the \$200,000.00 out of Mr. Sweeney's fund balance. Chairman Harris stated he is looking at one that may be stricken from the Capital Expenditures and it was for \$1,750,000.00 for ten miles of paving. Sandy Smith stated what the Highway Department really needs is the belt loader for \$251,000.00 and the highway department sold the other one that was 33 years old. Commissioner Shackelford asked Ms. Smith if the Highway Department would have enough money in their fund balance to buy the belt loader this year. Ms. Smith stated she had talked to Mr. Boshers and he stated if the County couldn't help them if they get it out of fund balance we don't need a resolution and he would make the decision. Ms. Smith stated if there is money left over within some line items such as diesel and can buy something she will but she will have to check with the auditors. Director Weber stated they do have to keep fund balance because they do have payroll. Commissioner Burkhalter stated the belt loader and dump truck could be bought out of the reserve account. Chairman Harris asked Ms. Smith how much her fund balance was. Ms. Smith replied her fund balance is currently around \$2,000,000.00. Commissioner Shackelford stated the County has \$800,000.00 allocated for the Courthouse on replacing the HVAC and there were a few changes and that amount didn't get spent and Commissioner Shackelford stated there is around \$400,000.00 and that money has to be spent. Commissioner Shackelford stated this money has already been allocated and it was not spent and what Commissioner Shackelford would suggest is on building and the courthouse roof is leaking \$50,000.00, Senior Citizens roof at \$40,000.00, the HVAC units at the Sheriff's Department at \$17,800.00 and \$15,000.00 for the restrooms at the library and the \$75,000.00 for HVAC repairs at the library, roof repairs at the exhibit building at the Park for \$20,000.00 Commissioner Shackelford stated this could be funded with another source and the source was a resolution that was passed to fund \$800,000.00 for repairs of the Courthouse HVAC system. Director Weber stated they only used \$400,000.00 for those HVAC and Director Weber stated she does not believe they are completed yet. Commissioner Shackelford stated the remodeling of Central Maintenance and Central Maintenance Director Benny Bolton stated he has a fund balance and he could take care of that with his fund balance. Commissioner Sims stated as long as they stay with building maintenance they would be okay. Commissioner Sims stated this need to be clarified with the auditors to make sure that would be alright. There were no lights. Commissioner Shackelford called Property Assessor Jim Dooley to the podium. Mr. Dooley spoke on aerial photography in the amount of \$30,000.00. Mr. Dooley stated this project is over \$100,000.00 with the cities of Columbia, Mt. Pleasant, Spring Hill and all of the emergency services depend on current data and this is a specialized photography that lets you see different buildings from different angles and plus it helps the Assessor's office discover property assessments building and cleared land that helps them generate more revenue. Mr. Dooley thinks they will be able to recover a 1/3 to 1/2 of what the Assessor spends. Commissioner Shackelford stated the Assessor is purchasing a service and this is an expenditure. Commissioner Shackelford

asked why this would not be in his reappraisal line item. Chairman Harris stated this is not a software package. This is a service. Commissioner Sumners stated he thinks this is a capital expense. Mr. Dooley stated this is for two years. Director Weber stated she believes it would be under Other Contracted Services. Commissioner Shackelford stated to put this on the A List and Chairman Harris asked Director Weber where they would allocate that at. Director Weber stated it is part of his regular budget it is not a capital expenditure. It will come out of the 101 fund. Director Weber stated she will change his budget. Chairman Harris moved on to the voting system for the commission. Commissioner Sumners stated the voting system is more of a priority than the audio/video. Commissioner Previti stated he would hope that both items would be approved but if they had to cut one then the voting system is the most important. Commissioner Cook stated she would support this voting system. Chairman Harris stated he is marking the voting system as a priority and striking the next one under that. Chairman Harris brought up the parking lot. Director Weber stated she thinks she should talk to Maintenance Supervisor Ronnie Bates about the parking lot and see if there is still a need for the gravel. Director Weber stated she would call Mr. Bates tomorrow. Chairman Harris moved on to the Sheriff's 8 patrol vehicles. Commissioner Shackelford stated that is a priority. Sheriff Rowland stated the 8 patrol vehicles is trying to keep the fleet under 200,000 miles. The service life they have been projected at is 6 years and they will exceed that with most units. Sheriff Rowland stated that is 8 patrol vehicles at \$344,000.00 and they are equipped as well. Chairman Harris stated they are trying to find an alternative to fund the HVAC and the software upgrade is a third priority. Sheriff Rowland stated the software upgrade is going to save money as they move forward. Their data processing contract the Sheriff's Department is in now is just over \$50,000.00. Sheriff Rowland stated this is a onetime fee to do the changeover and to take and convert the existing information they have and to move it over to the new software. Sheriff Rowland stated by moving forward in the coming years there data processing should drop down to less than \$15,000.00 a year. Commissioner Sumners asked if he absolutely needed 8 patrol vehicles. Sheriff Rowland stated yes. Commissioner Sumners asked if the software upgrade is there any savings in his budget were it can be done as a onetime fee. Commissioner Sumners asked is the \$15,000.00 a recurring expense every year. Sheriff Rowland stated what they are paying right now is \$54,000.00 every year. Commissioner Sumners asked could the Sheriff's Department pay for that out of their regular budget instead of the 189 fund. Chairman Harris stated right now there is \$54,000.00 in his budget that has been taken under advisement and what Sheriff Rowland is saying if they were to go ahead and do the \$50,000.00 the \$54,000.00 line item would go down to \$15,000.00. Director Weber stated this is a capital purchase because it is over \$10,000.00. Chairman Harris stated if the committee was to approve this capital expenditure under his budget under advisement they could reduce that line item from \$54,000.00 to \$15,000.00 after the first year. Director Weber stated in 2015/2016 reducing the \$54,000.00 to \$50,000.00 and the years after it would be \$15,000.00. Sheriff Rowland stated in 2015/2016 it will be \$50,000.00 and then in 2016/2017 it will be \$15,000.00. Sheriff Rowland stated the new software company is going to come in and start changing the information over before the other contract is void. Sheriff Rowland stated that in 2015/2016 the Sheriff's Department would not need

the entire \$54,000.00. Sheriff Rowland stated if this is approved they will need \$50,000.00. Commissioner Sumners asked how much the maintenance for the old software was. Chairman Harris stated they are going to leave this on the A List and Director Weber can figure out the accounting on it and if it is that line item in the budget then they are going to strike it but this is going to be on the A List for Capital Expenditures. Chairman Harris moved on to Emergency Management. OEM Director Mark Blackwood stated he had one request out of his budget to replace Hazardous Materials Response Team Truck. Mr. Blackwood stated the truck had a projected service life of 10 years and they have exceeded that. Mr. Blackwood stated they spent several thousand dollars on it this year maintaining it. Mr. Blackwood stated if he doesn't get it replaced he will be back asking for additional funding to get some needed repairs done. Mr. Blackwood stated that truck is critical. Mr. Blackwood stated if they lose that truck they lose the ability to respond to a Hazardous Material call. Commissioner Cook asked was this vehicle purchased in 2004. Mr. Blackwood replied yes and it was a refurbished tractor and trailer. Commissioner Cook asked how many calls it goes out on a HAZ MAT spill call. Commissioner Cook asked how many calls per month. Mr. Blackwood stated he would say around 10 calls a month. Commissioner Cook asked if the commission had purchased any vehicles in the past couple of years. Mr. Blackwood stated the last vehicle was a response vehicle in 2013 and that was a pickup truck. Commissioner Previti asked was he just wanting the truck and not the equipment. Mr. Blackwood replied that is correct. Commissioner Stephenson asked Mr. Blackwood if they were to replace the truck and they were to sell the other one and sell the trailer and Mr. Blackwood stated his recommendation would be to keep the old tractor for non-emergency use. Commissioner Stephenson asked Mr. Blackwood what was the trailer worth. Mr. Blackwood stated the trailer is probably worth scrap value which is probably a few thousand dollars. There were no lights. Commissioner Parker, List B, Commissioner Sumners List B, Commissioner Shackelford List B, Commissioner Cook List B, Commissioner Stephenson List A. Chairman Harris List. B. Chairman Harris stated they needed to address the \$5,000.00 that is under consideration for vehicle repair or vehicle maintenance. Chairman Harris stated this is being put on a List B priority and if this is not funded the budget needs to be adjusted for the \$5,000.00 for the maintenance on the vehicle under the budget that was taken under advisement. Mr. Blackwood is asking for a generator which is priority one and a secondary communications tower. Mr. Blackwood stated the generator serves as a backup power system to the main communications tower sight. This generator was originally bought in 2004 and if the power goes out the generator starts. Mr. Blackwood stated it has exceeded its 10 year service life. Mr. Blackwood stated this project is not really Emergency Managements it is not really under Mr. Blackwood's budget it is through the 101 account. Chairman Harris asked if this generator fails how long would it take to purchase a new one and get it in place. Mr. Blackwood stated it would take 3 plus days at the minimum. Commissioner Turner asked what his plans for the old generator was since it still works. Mr. Blackwood stated it would be sold as surplus. Mr. Blackwood stated as a Department Head he needs to make the commission aware and show them a maintenance schedule. There were no lights. Commissioner Parker, List B, Commissioner Sumners B. Commissioner Shackelford A, Commissioner Cook B,

Commissioner Stephenson A, Chairman Harris B. Chairman Harris stated it will not be a top priority. Mr. Blackwood moved on to the back-up communications system. Mr. Blackwood stated it was his number 2 priority out of the general fund. Commissioner Parker List B. Commissioner Sumners List B, Commissioner Shackelford List B. Commissioner Cook B, Commissioner Stephenson List A, Chairman Harris, List B. Chairman Harris moved to the Library. Adam Southern stated the last capital project he had was a technology additions. Mr. Southern stated every year the State Library does a survey seeing what standards the library meets. Mr. Southern stated they are a level 5 library meaning they serve a service area of about 70,000 and they are not meeting technology requirements of level 3 libraries. There were no lights. Commissioner Parker List A. Commissioner Sumners A, Commissioner Shackelford List A, Commissioner Cook, Lisa B, Commissioner Stephenson List B. Chairman Harris List A. Chairman Harris stated they will be taking this under advisement. Director Weber stated the next item was Other Administrative Trustee Commission which is \$36,000.00. Director Weber stated that every time she had a fund the Trustee's office has to put money into it he charges a 1% fee and so Director Weber stated she had to pay him \$36,000.00 but he turns it back in. Director Weber stated that Gov. Deals charges a small fee and it is usually around \$500.00. Director Weber stated the Other Administrative Trustee Commission and the Gov. Deals should be under List A. The next item was for containers and Director Weber stated that under is 2014/2015 budget he was budgeted some money for containers. Chairman Harris did a review of what was done. Aerial Photography \$30,000.00 List A. The voting System \$40,000.00 List A. The Back Parking Lot Director Weber is going to call Maintenance Supervisor Ronnie Bates. There are 8 patrol cars, \$344,000.00 List A. The Software at 50,000.00 was List A. The \$5,000 for vehicle maintenance for Office of Emergency Management. The \$16,675 for the Technology Additions to the Library. List A, The next one was for the \$500.00 for the Gov. Deals and \$36,000.00 for reimbursement List A and the \$781,000.00 for the buses. The total amount is \$1,298,639.00. Chairman Harris stated he was not for funding \$2,600,000.00 of the schools request at this time until they get a director in place and the commission gets a source of revenue that would fund this. Commissioner Parker stated he wouldn't want to increase the County's Maintenance of Effort and he stated at the end of the day they are going to have to raise taxes. Chairman Harris stated this is just for thought purposes. Chairman Harris stated they do not to have a reserve established before it is addressed of spending money. Commissioner Sumners stated he felt the same way Chairman Harris did. Commissioner Sumners stated the schools are getting a hefty fund balance and they need to take a look at that. Commissioner Cook stated she is big on education and right now they do not have a director and there is not communication with the school board. Commissioner Cook stated she cannot support their maintenance request. Commissioner Cook stated that she would not support any kind of property tax increase at this moment to maintain buildings. Commissioner Stephenson stated she agreed with Commissioner Sumners. Commissioner Stephenson stated she is concerned more about the attitude and a good faith effort. Commissioner Stephenson stated she knew the County was looking at a 8 cent increase for the new high school Commissioner Stephenson stated there is no way she would go for a 18 cent property increase. Commissioner Stephenson stated she would consider a tax increase

initially to try and get the repairs off of the list. Commissioner Stephenson stated she would probably consider a wheel tax. Commissioner Sims stated he has an idea that currently as of 3/31/15 the county is sitting on \$11,591,491.27 of unrestricted fund balance and that does not include in the 101. Early in the budget year the County pulled out \$700,000.00 to buy things like Kids Kingdom etc. Commissioner Sims stated it looks like this year the County is going to run \$500,000.00 surplus. Commissioner Sims stated they needed a steady stream of revenue for certain things. Commissioner Sims stated he would not vote for a property tax increase. Commissioner Sims stated the county is sitting on \$11,000,000.00 in the unrestricted fund balance if they transfer the 7.1 pennies that is needed to make the first payment of Central High School and he is proposing this for one payment and transfer 7.1 pennies to debt service out of the 101 fund that will pull that out then put it on the ballot in March in the Presidential primary 2 scenarios and do a good job of communicating to the tax payers the County needs money and say do you want a 20 cent property tax increase or do you want a \$25.00 wheel tax and let the taxpayers chose. Commissioner Sims stated last year the \$25.00 wheel tax generated \$1,953,083.00 and that is equivalent of 11.856 cents on the tax rate for every dollar that on the wheel tax rate that generates \$78,123.00. Commissioner Sims asked Director Weber would the Counties unrestricted fund balance support that for one year. Director Weber stated they have to cover the years' worth of the 101 fund so Director Weber stated in the first year she does not believe they need the full 7 cents. Commissioner Sims stated he would propose for \$25.00 of the wheel tax to go to Debt Service for the schools and \$25.00 of the wheel tax go to building maintenance for the County. Commissioner Sims stated to change the wheel tax from \$25.00 to \$75.00. Commissioner Parker stated he thinks from a business stand point he has to look at the best long-term decision. The simple facts are the County can start cutting back and start cutting services. Commissioner Parker stated you have to invest to grow. Commissioner Parker added you have to look at this as an investment. Chairman Harris stated there is catching up to do as far as facilities and a variable expense as far as running as municipality and to continue to try and fix the revenue sources. Chairman Harris stated to show him where they can cut this budget and he will buy into it all the way and Chairman Harris stated they need to look into Commissioner Sims idea. Commissioner Turner stated County government does not know how to say no. Commissioner Turner stated there are discrepancies with commercial property and you are paying more as a residential. Commissioner Sumners stated he looked at the 3% and the 5% that were requested and what was cut was office supplies and there was not a single staff reduction in the budget. Commissioner Sumners stated maybe someone could come in and check out efficiency. Commissioner Sumners stated the only way to reduce the budget is to reduce personnel. Commissioner Sumner stated he could not support a tax increase at this time because he has not seen a plan on schools or Maury County Government. Commissioner Sumners stated he would like to see a plan in place. Commissioner Shackelford stated from an evaluation standpoint there has been a lot said and there is a lot of room for growth. Commissioner Shackelford stated if Maury County would capitalize on the existing assets that are here and make the proper infrastructure and to bring in better jobs, and improve our demographics. Commissioner Shackelford stated he wanted to leave this place just as healthy when he got here and Commissioner

Shackelford stated he believes they are on track to do that. Commissioner Shackelford stated he would be in support of a tax increase and if taxes are not raised at least 8 cents the bond rating agencies would not look favorably on this County from a rating stand point. Commissioner Shackelford stated raising the wheel tax is one thing he has heard people do. Commissioner Shackelford stated he did not want to go back to the tax payers to ask for a tax increase. Chairman Harris stated Maury County is about to increase in population. Chairman Harris stated they are going to have to find ways to fund the improvements and it is probably going to have to come from taxation. Commissioner Cook stated when people are thinking about moving here they are attracted because they are going to be putting more money in their pockets because Maury County's property taxes are low. When you have a property tax increase you are not going to get growth from that. Commissioner Cook stated the consumer drives the economy and when you take money out of the consumers pocket they can't spend that money in our economy. When people think about moving to Maury County they are pull up Zillow and they are going to look at the school rating and if it is not 6 or above and they have the financial opportunity to move somewhere else they will. Getting Maury County schools back up will increase Maury County's revenue because they will begin to move in here. Commissioner Cook stated she would increase a wheel tax because it is fair across the board. Commissioner Stephenson stated she appreciated what Commissioner Sims talked about and she would like the commission to take a closer look at that. Commissioner Stephenson stated there is potential here and Maury County is going to have to make the investment and hopefully they can get the people to understand that long term after the investment there will be new and improved schools and we are maintaining our schools and building things that needed to be built but it is going to cost money. Chairman Harris stated Director Weber is going to be hard at work putting a budget together and seeing what the final numbers are and Director Weber stated she gave out four or five sheets on the different tax levy. Chairman Harris stated through the work sessions to tie down what the expenditures are. Chairman Harris stated the commission needs to see the numbers that were taken under advisement. Director Weber stated she had given them the numbers that were taken under advisement except for the 189 fund and she would send out the information for List A. Director Weber stated she would make another new book. Chairman Harris stated the two things that were needed to draw a conclusion on was Ms. McLain's request and there was Mr. Roe's request. Chairman Harris stated he was going to start with Mr. Roe's request and see if anyone had any suggestions or comments. Commissioner Parker stated the County is going to be sued again and this time he has laid good ground work. Commissioner Sumners stated he would say no to the cashing out of the comp. time for his employee and zero overtime. That office does not need overtime. Commissioner Shackelford stated last year the counter offer was one new full time employee. Commissioner Shackelford stated that is the only thing he would be willing to do and no 40 hours for anybody. Commissioner Shackelford stated on Ms. McLain's request they should increase the jury foreman. Commissioner Cook stated on Mr. Roe's request that Judge Jones suggested to reorganize his current schedule in staffing so Commissioner Cook stated she would say no to his cash out comp. time and no to his extra employee. Commissioner Stephenson stated the only thing that was left on the table because he eliminated the salary increase

for himself and the overtime. Commissioner Stephenson stated no to the \$7,000.00 pay out and the other two things that he had were the 40 hour work week and to increase his employees' salaries by 5% and Commissioner Stephenson stated she agreed with Commissioner Shackelford and the only increase would be the jury foreman's increase. Chairman Harris stated basically Ms. McLain's argument in general was that she was losing employees to another department because they could get 40 hours instead of 35 hours. Chairman Harris stated someone is always going to try and hire your good employees away if they are qualified. Chairman Harris stated what he didn't hear was what kind of revenues Ms. McLain could bring in with additional staff to the 101 fund and it never was answered. Chairman Harris stated Commissioner Cook had asked both of these entities to look into a collection agency and he stated he did not hear a response. Chairman Harris stated he agreed with Commissioner Shackelford to increase the jury foreman. Commissioner Parker stated he could not support anything until he knew what potential revenue the county could get on the other side of making the investment. Commissioner Sumners stated he agreed with the increase to the jury foreman. Commissioner Sumners stated he did not believe he could do the 40 hours based on the presentation. Commissioner Sumners stated he did not believe the presentation and the argument to go to 40 hours were strong. Commissioner Sumners stated they did allow a department to go under advisement with 40 hours and that needs to be readdressed as well. Commissioner Shackelford stated that all the other Department Heads that were on 40 hours asked straight up could they have it and Commissioner Shackelford stated he did not hear that from Mayor Norman. Commissioner Cook stated Ms. McLain's job is to collect revenue and unfortunately her predecessor left her with a mess. Commissioner Cook stated Ms. McLain and Mr. Roe they are not pursuing an outside collection agency which could immediately have an impact on their time in the office. Commissioner Stephenson stated she would only approve the jury foreman for Ms. McLain. Commissioner Stephenson stated she did not believe that Mr. Roe has asked for another full time employee. Commissioner Stephenson stated she would not approve anything else that he had requested. Commissioner Turner stated that someone may want to check because she understood that Solid Waste had a collection problem. Commissioner Burkhalter stated he understood the Committee wants to increase revenues and give these fees offices 40 hours to collect revenues. Commissioner Burkhalter stated the County can pay \$10,000.00 to a lawyer to represent the County again because Ms. McLain is an elected official. She was elected by the County not by a district so Commissioner Burkhalter is asking to reconsider that. Commissioner Burkhalter stated the plan that Commissioner Sims gave the committee is a very good idea and he stated he hopes that you will consider that. The 101 account will take care of the debt service this year. Chairman Harris stated they would look into that. Commissioner Shackelford stated he is not opposed to listening to Ms. McLain. Commissioner Sumners stated when he sat on the budget committee earlier during the budget process he proposed a raise for the commission and it is under advisement and Commissioner Sumners stated if the County is at a deficit budget he does not want that to be considered at all. He stated he would prefer it to go back to what the recommendation of the department head was.

**C. Tax Levy:** Director Weber stated she had given out sheets on the tax levy with four or five different scenarios and she gave out sheets and they will summarize property taxes per fund with all the other revenues added in minus the expected expenditures. Chairman Harris asked if they can without notification discuss the tax levy at our budget committee. Director replied no. Commissioner Shackelford stated the tax levy can be discussed at a budget committee meeting and it can be voted on. Commissioner Shackelford stated it still has to be pushed out at a public notice. Director Weber stated she would contact County Attorney Murphy on this and see if the Tax Levy can be brought up at a Budget Committee Meeting without it having to send it out for public notice.

**V. OLD BUSINESS:** There was not any Old Business discussed.

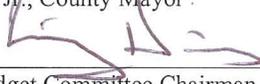
**VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

National Day of Prayer will be held at 12:00 P.M. on the Courthouse lawn on Thursday, May 7, 2015

**VII. ADJOURNMENT:**

**A.** There was a Motion made to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:50 PM.

APPROVED   
Charlie Norman, Jr., County Mayor

SIGNED   
Craig Harris, Budget Committee Chairman